

NORTH PENN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Lansdale, PA 19446-3960

EDUCATION/COMMUNITY/POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT – 9/20/12

The ECP Committee met on September 10th. On the agenda there were information items and student travel requests. The information items consisted of updates on the Keystone Exams and the upcoming Healthy Opportunities for All in-service.

Keystone Exams will be administered to students beginning this year. Because Pennsylvania adopted the Common Core Standards, the Keystones were designed to assess these standards of content knowledge and skills. Students in grades 7 through 11 will take the assessment in Algebra I. Also, the Keystone assessments in Biology and English Literature will be given to 10th and 11th grade students. Potentially, English Composition and Civics may be assessed as well. Dr. Debra McKay sent an electronic letter to parents in which the plan for administering the Keystones was explained. The class of 2014 will be tested in December and January; the remaining classes are scheduled to take the tests in May 2013. Teachers will be provided professional development opportunities in order that they are best equipped to support student success in these assessments.

Healthy Opportunities for All is the NPSD's Employee Wellness Program. The purpose of this program is to promote a healthy lifestyle for the employees of the NPSD. It is based upon the Know Your Numbers Campaign. The Kick Off Event for HOP will be on November 6, 2012. All employees will be able to participate in a variety of workshops and presentations that emphasize healthy lifestyle choices as well as family wellness issues and related topics.

Student travel requests were reviewed and forwarded to the full Board for action.

The next ECP Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, October 8th at 6:30 p.m.